In Loving Memory of

William Smalls

Sunrise: October 28, 1949 Sunset: June 19, 2017

<u>Service</u> Monday, June 26, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 *Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist*

<u>Obituary</u>



William Smalls was born on October 28, 1949 in the Bronx, New York, to the late William and Evelyn Smalls-Parker. William departed this life on June 19, 2017, at New York – Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York.

At an early age, he joined and was baptized at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx. Later after

graduating from Taft High School, he attended college in New Jersey, then decided to join the U.S. Army where he served in Korea and was Honorably Discharged in 1971.

Upon finishing his service commitment for his country, he worked for the Telephone Company and the Post Office until he found the field he loved best which was working with people. He went to school and received his CASAC and became a substance abuse counselor where he was dedicated for over 20 years. He worked for Samaritan Village in the Bronx as Assistant Director for the last four years.

William devoted much of his time working out at the gym. He loved to travel with family and friends. He loved music, R&B, jazz and believe it or not hip-hop and rap. William had a special knack for dressing and being original and taking the time to buy and coordinate his outfits (he loved to iron and he put taps on all his sneakers). He was a huge football fan, but he loved all sports.

William helped raise two step-sons, William and Robert. He also took his nephew, Edward as his son where they became workout partners at the gym.

He leaves to mourn him deeply: his sister, Cynthia Todd; his niece, Chantel Davis; his nephew, Edward Wilson, III (Jenilee); his great nephew, Hudson Carter Wilson; long-time companion, Linda Powe mother of William and Robert; and a host of relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Prayer

| Selection | Paulette Battle |
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| Poem | Linda Powe |
| Obituary | Brenda Sanders |

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York



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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now. He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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